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1. At a dinner given for Americans and Chinese by the Political Section of SUN Lien-chung's 11 War Area Hqs. in Peiping, Chinese officers said they anticipated that the Communists would be in control of North China in a matter of two or three months. One Chinese officer said he was worried as to what to do for the safety of his wife and family in Peiping. He said that rather than send them south, he was thinking of sending them over to the Communists now.
2. The Chinese officers made suggestions which indicated the possible creation of a third political party in North China, which would be able to bargain with both sides.

(American Observer Comment: The suggestion of a "third party" (that is an autonomous government) in North China may be another carefully timed rumor sponsored by the Nationalists in the hope of stampeding American opinion, similar to the build-up of the Sinkiang incident. However, there are historical precedents for a separatist movement in North China; in fact, one of Chiang Kai-shek's early and urgent tasks was the elimination of autonomous "war lords" in the North China area. Therefore, now that the Generalissimo's prestige is waning, the possibility of the recrudescence of "war lord" rule in North China cannot be excluded.)

The possibility that the Communists would honor any agreement which might be reached with such an autonomous government is remote; however, this would not necessarily deter an autonomous government from attempting to reach an agreement with them in time-honored Chinese tradition.)

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